Embracing and working the Lines of Development – Trades and options for effective delivery of military capability through-life

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Presentation Structure

- Background and Context
- The (Organisational) Structure
- The Information Challenge
- Case studies
- Conclusions and Observations
TLCM is an approach which translates the requirements of Defence Policy into an approved programme that delivers the required capabilities, through life, across all Defence Lines of Development (DLODs)...
The Decision Space for Defence Acquisition

Budget & Aspirations

National Capability Trade Offs

Capability Trade Offs

Delivery Trade Offs

DLsoD

Reality and Costs

Defence Policy and National requirements

Capability Area Plan

Capability Management Plan

Through Life Management Plan

Life is a “Trade”
The Scope in context of the Capability “Value Chain”

Defence Policy and National requirements
Area Capability Plan
Capability Working Group
Through Life Mgt Plan

Maritime Example for Joint Ministry Industry “Operating Area”

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There are many elements to trade

The Defence Lines of Development (DLoDs) are interdependent

Understanding how the DLoDs Interact enables trading to deliver Military Capability - but they have traditionally been largely independent!
Decision Support through Information Management – understanding and reacting to change

The Need for better Information management

- Complex organisations need to make confident decisions around investment in capability
- These decisions are influenced by the range of factors in play
- An approach is needed which exploits these factors:
  - which makes connections, informs and guides decision making

The potential of Decision Support

- Decision Support helps manage complexity…. …in such a way that decision makers at any level can both understand and interpret the situation….. ….and explore the decision space in such a way that clear value can be added…….

Co – working with MoD/partners to develop TRAiDE
Chasing the certainty – *agility* = *degrees of freedom*!!

Mindset change needed

- Too much detail makes the whole process unnecessarily complex!

……..but there is a lot of *information* to handle and *trades* to be managed
L2R: Is about Decision Making, moving from Abstract to Tangible with issues associated with the management and context of information/trading through to requirement and specification.

TDBU: Is about Implementation, taking the informed decisions and translating the abstract into tangible products and services, which are lifed and have particular contractual commercial financial issues.
Required Characteristics of Working Environment

- Consistency of Information
- Congruency of Process
- Familiarity of Output
- Commonality of Understanding / Language
- Usefulness of Representation
- Incremental nature of Development
- Inclusive Nature of Community and Acceptance

..... an environment and community that supports trades and trading
TLCM Decision Support – “TRAiDE”

• TLCM is about balanced decision making
• A means of coping with the complexity is needed
• We are developing an intuitive Decision Support Environment (DSE)
• This DSE needs to build on what tools are currently in use

• “TRAiDE” - inclusive – extant and emerging tools - SME partners
• Based on sound information* management, consistent visualisations

* Information = data in context
Introducing **TRAiDE**

**TLCM Robust Acquisition inclusive Decision-making Environment**

Principles of the **TRAiDE** environment

- **Open approach** – enabling utilisation of disparate sources of data
- Information flows through a **single information manager**, regardless of source/destination
- **Inclusivity** - designed to utilise new and extant mechanisms, tools and their providers
- **Intuitive visualisations** – enabling simpler interpretation of results
- **Evolutionary** – incremental and pragmatic development based on user feedback
- **Scalable** – enabling aggregation of information at all levels
- **Timeliness and quality** – appropriate outputs, matched to customer need and decisions

**Underpinning TRAiDE is a meta-model**
Case Studies:
Programme Board Information Environment (PBIЕ)
Mine Counter Measures Capability Investigation (MCMCI)
The Decision Space for Defence Acquisition

- National Capability Trade Offs
- Joint Capability Board
- Programme Board
- Defence Policy and National requirements
- Capability Area Plan
- Capability Management Plan
- Through Life Management Plan

Reality and Costs

Budget & Aspirations
Development of a Metamodel from a question set

I want to be able to show the capability that I am responsible for delivering

I'd like to be able to show the status of the projects

I want to be able to show how the projects and milestones deliver the capability for which I am responsible for

I would like to be able to show the owners of the projects

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Current position – information across organisation
Managing the process

What are the questions the Programme Board and its Programme Support Function are going to need to answer?

• Data
  – What data is required to answer the questions?
  – Where is that data currently held?
• Analysis
  – What analysis needs to be done on the data to answer the questions?
  – How will data need to be combined from multiple sources to answer the questions?
• Visualisations
  – What visualisations will be required to support answering the questions?
  – How can the data and analysis best be displayed to support effective decision making?
Vision – information and visualisations

Existing data sources, e.g. CMIS, HQ Land data warehouse.

- CPG and JCB perspectives
- PB plans and dashboards
- DLoD management views
- Capability campaign plans
- Desk officer support handbooks
- CIWG CIPs
- Land plans
- DLoD mgt
- CIWG
- IPT
- FLC
- CPG
- PSF
- DLoD
The Medium/Heavy Programme Board vision is for the coherent long-term provision for, and delivery of, the appropriate balanced medium and heavy force structure within allocated resources capable of sustained, expeditionary full spectrum operations in the land close battlespace with a minimal logistic footprint, in joint and combined contexts, under both direct and indirect fire, through life.
Intuitive Visualisation; Trend Analysis
So what do users think?

……we have never been able to do this before- this is gold dust……

……its difficult to see how we can do without this sort of capability at the Programme level……

……a ground breaking methodology by which we can test various procurement options for applicability against endorsed MOD capability requirements. This will allow us to develop much more rigorous and compelling gap and overlap analysis……

…your support to CIWGs is the best thing I have seen in 10 years..
Conclusions - impact of **TRAiDE**

- **Dynamic investigations of options**
  - Ability to *dynamically explore alternatives* and visualise intuitively at all levels
  - Ability to *test procurement options*.

- **Data, Information Management**
  - Input once, use many times in different views
  - Drives commonality across communities re impact of options and investment decisions

- **Structured Thinking**
  - Evidenced based Decision making
  - Consistency & Coherence for whole community

- **Interfaces with existing toolsets**
  - Incremental development and population
  - Consistent and *Intuitive Visualisations*
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